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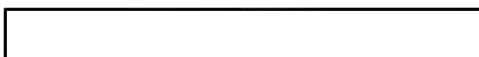
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CHILE: Army Commander in Chief General Prats has reportedly ordered military legal experts to give him a detailed analysis of the controversy between President Allende and congress over a constitutional reform defining the government's role in the economy. In this instance, however, the government's position appears to be correct; the President has announced that he will abide by any decision of the Constitutional Tribunal--highest legal arbiter of constitutional questions. The army's close examination of political issues is not typical, although some officers have made their individual political views known. Prats' action is significant in that it is another example of the growing politicization of the military under Allende.

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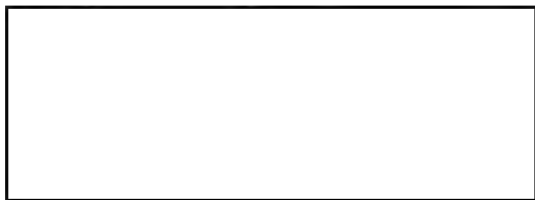
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